UNITAR Global Diplomacy Initiative Spring 2020

Peace, People, Planet, Prosperity

Deadline: 31 Mar 2020

Type: Course
Location: New York, United States
Date: 28 Feb 2020 to 24 Apr 2020
Duration of event: 3 Months
Programme Area: Governance, Peace Security and Diplomacy, Peacemaking and Conflict Prevention, Multilateral Diplomacy
Specific Target Audience: No
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BACKGROUND

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is a principal training arm of the United Nations, working in every region of the world. We empower individuals, governments and organizations through knowledge and learning to effectively overcome contemporary global challenges. UNITAR offers various training and capacity-development activities in the thematic areas of Capacity for the 2030 Agenda, Strengthen multilateralism; Promote economic development and social inclusion; Advance environmental sustainability and green development; Promote sustainable peace; and Research and Technology Applications. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research developed a curriculum that sees a brighter future through diplomacy. This newly-designed program allows students to listen to and learn about international relations and politics from those actively engaged in these fields — the diplomats themselves. Envisioned for students currently enrolled in Political Science, International Relations, Urban Affairs, or a similar academic program, the desire to better
understand world affairs is a must. As well as those who envision a career in diplomacy.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

Unit I: Academic

1. **UN Study: 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

   - This program gives the opportunity to learn about the UN and organs. The main highlight will be the teaching on SDG’s and their objectives.
   - This program provides the thorough understanding of UN functions, especially the SDG’s.
   - Update on SDG’s and its functionalities.
   - Help concentrate on specific UN objectives related with the Sustainable Development goal and Sustainable Developments.
   - Shape the brain of tomorrow’s international relations actors, contributing to re-establish the UN leadership in the long term.
   - The students will get the chance to witness UN forums and meetings which

2. **Current Global Issues**

   - This section is about current global issues. These are topics relevant to students pursuing in related programs. They will be given up-to-date summary on these issues and the steps taken to solve and improve the situation: we want UNITAR high skilled formation in conflict resolution to be accessible for the actors of tomorrow.
   - Tackle critical political, economic, and social issues
   - Gain personal experience of the diplomats on certain global issues
   - Assess news media and social media influence on global issues
   - Consider innovative solutions to contemporary the realities of international relations

3. **Diplomacy and Global Treaties**

   - This course should teach students about global diplomacy, negotiations and conflict resolution. This comprises; formation of UN, diplomatic relationship, alliances formed, and peacekeeping.
   - Better understand national and international governance
   - Appreciate the perspective of a diplomat regarding global issues
   - Gain first-hand learning experience from a diplomat involved in an initiative or negotiation
   - Understand agreements and coalitions among countries
   - Gain insight on the WTO, IMF, and ICC, among other organizations

Unit Two: Practical:

Attendance at U.N. Events, including UNITAR Core Diplomatic Trainings are highly encouraged

A rare glimpse at the inner workings of the UN, students will observe the diplomatic process within a real-world setting.

- Observe the diplomatic process in a real-world setting as it happens
- Develop understanding of core functions of UN in practice
- Contextualize diplomacy as it happens as opposed to hypothetical scenarios
- Witness global leaders and understand their visions for a better world

**CONTENT AND STRUCTURE**

The Global Diplomacy Initiative Program is comprised of 3 hour duration courses, held once a week for ten weeks. This
program will be conducted three times a year on trimester basis: Spring, Summer, and fall. These courses will be
taught by distinguished Ambassadors and high level UN Officials. This program is designed for students pursuing
political science, international relations, global studies or related programs and are in their senior year in
undergraduate, and any in Masters/ Graduate program. Research students can also apply. Students within commuting
distance may also apply. Students of the program will earn a Certificate of Completion.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

This program targets delegates to the United Nations, national change agents and students who are currently enrolled
in Political Science, International Relations, Urban Affairs, or a similar academic programs ranging from
the undergraduate level to any Masters/Graduate Progam. Research students can also apply.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Course Schedule

1. UN Study; 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and Sustainable Development Goals

9 hours (once a week for three weeks)

2. Current Global Issues

12 hours (once a week for four weeks)

3. Diplomacy and Global Treaties

12 hours (once a week for four weeks)

1: Attendance at U.N. Events

Available upon registration.

2: Final Project Submission

Final day of Class.